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New Britain Senior Center Seeks Historical Artifacts for Public Display as City Celebrates Sesquicentennial Anniversary

New Britain, CT – Originally incorporated as a city in 1871, the City of New Britain is celebrating the 150th anniversary of its incorporation in 2021. The City has numerous sesquicentennial themed events and campaigns planned throughout the year to commemorate this very special milestone. The New Britain Senior Center participating in the yearlong sesquicentennial celebrations by encouraging community members to temporarily donate artifacts relevant to each decade of the City’s 150-year history, beginning with the 1870s, and concluding with the 2020s. This can include but is not limited to: photographs, books, tools/hardware, toys/games, sports and military memorabilia, as well as historical documents.

“Our City’s residents play a crucial role in keeping New Britain’s rich history alive,” said Mayor Erin Stewart. “By displaying historical artifacts provided by our very own community members, we are honoring our City’s story and those who helped write it in a special way as part of New Britain’s sesquicentennial celebrations.”

Donations will be accepted until Friday July 16th at the New Britain Senior Center, which is located at 55 Pearl Street in New Britain. All artifacts collected will be creatively arranged into a museum-style display at the Senior Center. This display will be open to the public from Monday August 9th through Friday October 1st. Members of the public will have the ability to view the display during the New Britain Senior Center’s general operating hours which are Monday through Friday, 8:15 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

All the artifacts that are collected will be safely stored and preserved. Photographs will be copied and returned upon donation, and only the copies will be put on display. Each donor will receive (1) raffle ticket per artifact contributed for a drawing that will take place on the opening day of the exhibit on Monday August 9th. All donated items will be screened prior to display, and the New Britain Senior Center reserves the right to decline acceptance of any donated item as it sees fit.

All inquiries regarding item donations and/or public viewing of the Sesquicentennial artifact display should be directed to the New Britain Senior Center at (860) 826-3553.

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